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SUBJECT: US-POLISH BILATERAL RELATIONS: COPERNICUS
STATUE UNVEILING IN CHICAGO

REFS: (A) STATE 169443; (B) BAKER-LENARD MEMCON OF
AUGUST 28; (C) WARSAW 4310; (D) WARSAW 4301

1. DURING MY MEETING THIS MORNING WITH VICE FOREIGN
MINISTER SPASOWSKI, HE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS
ANYTHING I COULD TELL HIM IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST
OF AUGUST 22 (REF D) THAT THE DEPARTMENT EMPLOY ITS
GOOD OFFICES TO FACILITATE THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR
TRAMPCZYNSKI AT THE UNVEILING OF THE COPY OF
THE THORVALDSEN STATUE OF COPERNICUS AT CHICAGO.

2. I REPLIED THAT I KNEW THE DEPARTMENT HAD APPROACHED
THE POLISH-AMERICAN CONGRESS IN THIS MATTER (REF B),
BUT I HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE RESPONSE OF THAT
BODY. I SAID ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT I COULD NOT BE
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE RESULT AND SKETCHED OUT FOR HIM
ZBYSZEWSKI'S REACTION (REF C), WITHOUT IDENTIFYING
ZBYSZEWSKI.

3. SPASOWSKI COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE
IF THE MINISTRY HAD TO INFORM GIEREK THAT TRAMPCZYNSKI
WOULD NOT BE PRESENT AT THE UNVEILING. HE THEN
ASKED IF I WOULD INQUIRE OF THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT
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THE CURRENT STATUS OF ITS EFFORT TO EMPLOY

ITS GOOD OFFICES.

4. RECOMMENDATION: IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES
NOT PLAN TO PURSUE THIS MATTER BEYOND THE DISCUSSION
WITH COLONEL LENARD OF AUGUST 28, I PROPOSE TO TELL
SPASOWSKI THAT THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED WITH THE CONGRESS,
THAT AN INVITATION TO TRAMPCZYNSKI AND THE POLISH
CONSUL GENERAL AT CHICAGO LIES COMPLETELY WITHIN
THE DISCRETION OF THE ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION OF THE
CONGRESS AS THE SPONSORING BODY, AND THAT THERE IS
NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO.

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